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Dear Harry,

How wonderful you are not only to write to me but to Howard Baker and Jim Sasser regarding my new appointment. I am most grateful for your continued support. It means so much at an exciting time like this.

I had a good visit with Senator Baker. As you know, he had some qualms about my remaining on active duty while serving as Director of Central Intelligence. I was pleased that although I was unable to assuage those concerns he did say some very nice words about me and did vote for me. My point was simply that the law provides for an active duty officer as well as a retired officer or a civilian to be the Director. It seems to me that it would be derogatory of the profession to acknowledge that an active duty officer would not be qualified for the job when the law provides for that possibility.

I'm sorry I couldn't make the 30th reunion. From all reports it was a great success. Hope, however, that we'll have a chance to see you one

place or another again before long. In the meantime,
many, many thanks for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

Yours,



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